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GREENWOOD, S.C. - The Armstrong Atlantic State University men's basketball team suffered a nearly seven minute scoring drought over the last eight minutes of a Peach Belt Conference contest at Lander on Monday evening, suffering a 65-51 loss to the Bearcats.

The Pirates (13-8, 7-6 PBC) saw a modest two-game win streak in the league come to an end, while Lander (9-12, 2-11 PBC) notched only its second win in the league this season.

A Keyshore Williams dunk with 7:46 remaining in the contest clipped the Lander lead to just two points, 48-46, but a scoreless stretch that included seven turnovers and seven missed shots allowed the Bearcats to push their lead to 59-46 with just over a minute remaining.

Armstrong had used a 14-3 run over the last four and a half minutes of the first half to take a 30-27 lead into halftime. But the Pirates hit just 7 of 23 field goal tries after halftime for 30 percent from the floor.

Chris Vanlandingham led the Pirates on the night with 15 points, his sixth straight game as the leading scorer for Armstrong.

Tovi Bailey led the Bearcats with 21 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the floor and 9-of-10 shooting from the free throw line. Jermel Kennedy added a double-double with 15 points and 17 rebounds.

Lander outrebounded the Pirates on the night, 41-34, including an 18-8 edge in offensive rebounds.

Armstrong returns to action on Thursday, February 10, hosting nationally-ranked Georgia Southwestern State at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Arena.



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